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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A composition consisting of comprising:
about [[1]] 0.005 to about [[5]] 20 wt-% fatty acid antimicrobial agent;
about [[2]] 0.1 to about [[12]] 10 wt-% alkoxylated amine the alkoxylated amine
being comprising:

C_{12} to C_{14} propoxy amine ethoxylate of the formula: $R-(PO)_{10}N[EO]_{2.5}-H[EO]_{2.5}-H$;

C_{12} to C_{14} propoxy amine ethoxylate of the formula: $R-(PO)_5N[EO]_{2.5}-H[EO]_{2.5}-H$;

C_{12} to C_{14} propoxy amine ethoxylate of the formula: $R-(PO)_2N[EO]_{2.5}-H[EO]_{2.5}-H$;

poly (5) oxyethylene isodecyloxypropylamine, which has a branched $C_{10}H_{21}$ alkyl group off the ether oxygen;

iso-(2-hydroxyethyl) isodecyloxypropylamine, which has a branched $C_{10}H_{21}$ alkyl group off the ether oxygen;

or mixture thereof;

the alkoxylated amine and fatty acid antimicrobial agent being at a weight ratio of about [[2:1]] 1:1 to about [[6:1]] 9:1;

carrier; and

optionally anionic surfactant, amphoteric surfactant, nonionic surfactant, solvent, sequestrant, acidulant, adjuvant, or mixture thereof; the adjuvant being stabilizing agent, wetting agent, thickener, foaming agent, pigment, dye, or mixture thereof;

wherein the composition is clear and has effective antimicrobial activity.

2. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the carboxylic acid antimicrobial agent comprises a C_6 - C_{14} alkyl carboxylic acid, or salt or ester thereof.

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3. (Original) The composition of claim 2, wherein the C₆-C₁₄ alkyl carboxylic acid comprises octanoic acid, heptanoic acid, decanoic acid, dodecanoic acid, myristic acid, or mixture thereof.

4. (Original) The composition of claim 2, wherein the C₈-C₁₄ alkyl carboxylic acid comprises octanoic acid.

5-12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the acidulant comprises phosphoric acid, citric acid, lactic acid, sulfuric acid, nitric acid, hydroxyacetic acid, gluconic acid, oxalic acid, formic acid, glutaric acid, malic acid, hydroxy propionic acid, succinic acid, adipic acid, fumaric acid, or a mixture thereof.

14. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 13, wherein the acidulant comprises phosphoric acid, citric acid, lactic acid, or a mixture thereof.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 1[[5]], wherein the surfactant composition comprises anionic surfactant, amphoteric surfactant, nonionic surfactant, or mixture thereof.

17. (Original) The composition of claim 16, comprising anionic surfactant, the anionic surfactant comprising alkyl sulfonate, alkylaryl sulfonate, alcohol alkoxylate carboxylate, sarcosinate, taurate, acyl amino acid, alkanoic ester, phosphate ester, sulfuric acid ester, salt or ester thereof, or mixture thereof.

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18. (Original) The composition of claim 16, comprising amphoteric surfactant, the amphoteric surfactant comprising acyl amino acid, N-alkyl amino acid, salt or ester thereof, or mixture thereof.

19. (Original) The composition of claim 16, comprising nonionic surfactant, the nonionic surfactant comprising alcohol alkoxylate, arylacyl alkoxylate, amine oxide, alkoxide condensate; EOPO block, reverse, or heteric polymer polysaccharide ether; or mixture thereof.

20. (Original) The composition of claim 19, wherein the alcohol alkoxylate comprises C₉-C₁₂ linear ethoxylate with 7 moles EO average, C₉-C₁₂ linear ethoxylate with 3 moles EO average, or mixture thereof.

21. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim [[15]] 16, wherein the surfactant comprises cocoamidopropyl betaine.

22. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, further comprising wherein the composition comprises solvent.

23. (Original) The composition of claim 22, wherein the solvent comprises isopropyl alcohol.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 1 [[24]], wherein the diluent carrier comprises water.

26. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 1, further comprising wherein the composition comprises sequestrant.

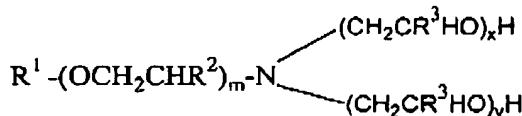
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27. (Original) The composition of claim 26, wherein the sequestrant comprises aminomethylene triphosphonic acid or 1-hydroxy ethylidene-1,1-diphosphonic acid.

28. (Currently amended) A method of reducing microbial population on an object, comprising contacting the object with a composition consisting of comprising:

about [[1]] 0.005 to about [[5]] 20 fatty acid antimicrobial agent; and

about [[2]] 0.1 to about [[12]] 10 wt-% alkoxylated amine of Formula III:



wherein R^1 is a straight or branched alkyl or alkylaryl; R^2 is independently in each occurrence hydrogen or alkyl from 1 to 6 carbons; R^3 is independently in each occurrence hydrogen or alkyl of from 1 to 6 carbons; m is about 1 to about 20; x and y is each independently 1 to about 20; and $x+y$ averages from about 1 to about 40; and acidulant;

the alkoxylated amine and fatty acid antimicrobial agent being at a ratio of about [[2:1]] 1:1 to about [[6:1]] 9:1;

carrier; and

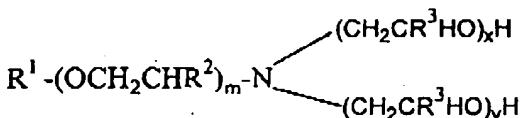
optionally anionic surfactant, amphoteric surfactant, nonionic surfactant, solvent, sequestrant, acidulant, adjuvant, or mixture thereof; the adjuvant being stabilizing agent, wetting agent, thickener, foaming agent, pigment, dye, or mixture thereof;

wherein the composition is clear and has effective antimicrobial activity.

29. (Currently amended) A composition consisting of comprising:

about 1 to about 5 wt-% fatty acid antimicrobial agent;

about 2 to about 12 wt-% alkoxylated amine of Formula III:



wherein R^1 is a straight or branched alkyl or alkylaryl; R^2 is independently in each occurrence hydrogen or alkyl from 1 to 6 carbons; R^3 is independently in

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each occurrence hydrogen or alkyl of from 1 to 6 carbons; m is about 1 to about 20; x and y is each independently 1 to about 20; and x+y averages from about 1 to about 40;

the alkoxylated amine and fatty acid antimicrobial agent being at a weight ratio of about [2:1] 1:1 to about [6:1] 9:1;

carrier; and

optionally anionic surfactant, amphoteric surfactant, nonionic surfactant, solvent, sequestrant, acidulant, adjuvant, or mixture thereof; the adjuvant being stabilizing agent, wetting agent, thickener, foaming agent, pigment, dye, or mixture thereof;
wherein the composition is clear and has effective antimicrobial activity.

30. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 29, wherein the ratio of alkoxylated amine and carboxylic acid antimicrobial agent is in the range of about 2:1 to about 6:1.

31. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 29, wherein the ratio of alkoxylated amine and carboxylic acid antimicrobial agent is in the range of about 2.5:1 to about 3.5:1.

32. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 29, wherein the ratio of alkoxylated amine and carboxylic acid antimicrobial agent is about 3:1.

33. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 29, wherein the carboxylic acid comprises octanoic acid.

34-36. (Canceled)